



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

# Chairman's Newsletter

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## CAPITAL TIMES IN THE CAPITOL CITY.

As these words are being penned, about eighty ISASC adherents -- members, spouses and guests -- are making ready to attend our Seventh International Convention in Washington, D.C. on May 2 to 4. The symposium program is in place, a special tour of the Smithsonian scale collection arranged for, and a visit to Betty Wright's collection planned. In between, time will be well spent on show and tell, food and drink, and shop and swap. Friends, old and new, will share our common (and yet uncommon) hobby, and, needless to say, everyone will be looking forward eagerly to greeting our distinguished guests from abroad, Michael and Diana Crawforth. Those of you who, regretfully, cannot be with us can look forward to a report of the convention goings-on in our next Chairman's Newsletter. Washington, here we come!

## ELECTION RESULTS.

The proposed by-laws amendment to increase the number of directors to seven has been voted on, and in a veritable landslide, resoundingly approved. From the 190 North American Chapter members, 144 votes were cast, resulting in 143 "yeas" and one "nay," and from the 76 European Chapter members, 41 votes were cast, resulting in 40 "yeas" and one "nay." Acting on this mandate, the five elected directors appointed Gary Batz of Toronto,

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Canada, as a director to fill the North American vacancy, and are deliberating among several candidates to fill the European vacancy. Please note the first inside page of EQM No. 2, enclosed, in which directors as well as officers for 1986-88 are listed. In all likelihood, the one remaining vacancy will be filled shortly and that director's name added to the list, thus completing the complement of seven. As everyone seems to agree, this action taken by our members to provide a larger and more balanced directorship bodes well for the future well-being of our society.

GARY BATZ, FRONT AND CENTER.

As our sixth and newest director, Gary's credentials are impressive. In addition to his being an ISASC member for three years, he holds membership in the Netherlands VVMG (Society of Weights and Measures Collectors) and the Societé Metrique de France. In 1985, he toured 25 cities and towns in Europe, expressly to study collections of coin scales. Gary's second hobby is coins, and he's a member of both the American Numismatic Society and the American Numismatic Association. In the workaday world, he's a chartered accountant specializing in taxation. Welcome aboard, Gary.

DIRECTORY UPDATE.

Your 1986 membership directory is enclosed, to replace the 1985 one in your directory binder. While the format at first blush would seem to be identical to past directories, please note one major difference, namely, that this one lists only North American Chapter members. This action was decided on by your officers at the time the European Chapter was formed, subject to a plan whereby the two Chapters would exchange membership directories, and each would distribute copies of the other's to its members. The European Chapter has already received a copy of ours, and as soon as we receive theirs, we'll reproduce it and distribute it with our next mailing in July. The idea, of course, behind this exchange is that it provides each member with a composite directory of all members, thus facilitating worldwide intercourse by phone, mail or personal visit.



## STOP THE PRESSES!

A last minute missive from member Joel Malter just arrived, with news that should be of interest to many of our members, to wit: On June 15, 1986, at the Hilton Hotel at Los Angeles Airport, a scales and weights auction will be held by Malter & Co. in conjunction with the Convention of International Numismatics. A catalog listing the scales and weights-- as well as coins, antiquities, and books on metrology, numismatics and archeology-- is available for the special price of \$5 to ISASC members. Write Joel Malter, 16661 Ventura Blvd, Suite 518, Encino, CA 91316, U.S.A.

## MISCELLANY.

\*\*Much thanks to John Cattle, Sr., who not only was the first member to register for our upcoming convention, but who generously sent in an additional \$100 to help defray any extraordinary convention expenses we might incur. Most appreciated, John.

\*\*Our apologies to member Jan Macho of La Canada, California, whom we inadvertently referred to as Jan Wage in our last Newsletter when noting Jan Macho's visit to the Stein household. (And to Jan Wage: Now that you're on record as having visited the Steins, by all means, do come!)

\*\*One important change worth noting in the new directory is that your President's business office (his business business, that is), which also serves as ISASC's office, has changed. After 28 years in Chicago's Civic Opera building, as of April 1 we've moved a block away to newer and larger quarters. Our new address is 111 North Canal Street, Chicago, IL 60606, and our new phone number is 312/930-9305. Please make note of it.

So much for the moment. We're off to Washington and will write again in July.

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